

From: Executive Secretary, Navy Epidemiology Board
To: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center
Via: President, Navy Epidemiology Board

Subj: MINUTES OF THE NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD (NEB) MEETING OF
13-15 DECEMBER 2000

Ref: (a) NAVENVIRHLTHCENINST 6220.1E

Encl: (1) List of Attendees
(2) Navy Epidemiology Board Agenda
(3) EPI-RAP 00-012 Review of Prioritized Infectious Disease R&D Needs of the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force - CDR McCarthy
(4) EPI-RAP 00-013 Individual Medical Readiness Categories - CDR Hendricks
(5) EPI-RAP 00-014 Monitoring for syphilis Eradication in the US Navy and Marine Corps through the Medical Event Reporting System (MERS) and the Defense Medical Surveillance System - LCDR(S) Brady
(6) EPI-RAP 00-015 Report of Thermal Stress Injuries - CDR Murphy/Ms Craft
(7) EPI-RAP 00-016 Collaboration of the Various Electronic Surveillance Systems Developed for Force Health Protection - CDR Murphy/LT Trank/Mr Pugh

1. The subject meeting was held at the Navy Environmental Health Center, December 13-15, 2000, in accordance with reference (a). Attendees are listed in enclosure (1). The NEB meeting agenda is provided as enclosure (2).

2. **Old Business** (Previous EPI-RAPs still pending).

a. EPI-RAP 00-008: Preventive Medicine Physician Credentials and Privileges.

NEB Recommendation: A Subcommittee on Privileging consisting of the following NEB members was formed: CAPT Brawley, CAPT Thomas, CDR Fallon, and CDR Sherman. They will report back to the NEB on an action plan regarding PMO privileges.

Action Required: CAPT Brawley will submit final packet to NEB for review. Upon review a formal request will then be submitted to BUMED for inclusion to Privileging Instruction.

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b. EPI-RAP 00-009: Tick-Borne Disease Prevention for Marines.

NEB Recommendation: Review the USMC Battle Skills Manual to ensure appropriate Personal Protection Practices are incorporated. Ensure FMSS curriculum includes "train the trainer" in regards to personal protection practices. MCCDC Curriculum (MDOs/8404) review to ensure that prevention and treatment of vector-borne disease are taught with "train the trainer" component.

Action Required: CDR Mann will coordinate with CDR Ballou, MCCDC to institute a training regimen for PPE training within Marine Corps Battle Skills Manual.

Status: Closed.

c. EPI-RAP 00-010: Marketing Population Health

NEB Recommendation: Distribute PHIP&G to NEB members who will then provide comments and recommendations to CAPT Brawley. NEB supports a technical manual development in the area of population health.

Action Required: Provide any comments or recommendations to CAPT Brawley.

Status: Closed.

d. EPI-RAP 00-011: Microbial Based Cleaners

NEB Recommendation: NEB member to review the NEHC drafted Required Information to Consider Health Assessment of Microbial Based Cleaners for Navy Use. NEB supports NEHC OEM Directorate motion to submit this issue as a question to the Armed Forces Epidemiology Board (AFEB).

Action Required: The Board supports a cautionary use of such cleaners within an enclosed environment, such as aboard ships and submarines. And further recommends that purchasers should seek information from described requirements list from manufacturer. CAPT Bohnker will provide a status report on further action taken on this health assessment issue.

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3. New Business

a. **EPI-RAP 00-012: Review of Prioritized Infectious Disease R&D Needs of the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force**, enclosure (3).

NEB Recommendation: NEB noted the list of 20 and provided direct comments to CDR McCarthy due to the short turn around time (submission to ASBREM by 18 December 2000).

Action required: No further action required by the Board.

Status: Closed.

b. **EPI-RAP 00-013: Individual Medical Readiness Categories**, enclosure (4).

NEB Recommendation: Modify the Individual Medical Readiness (IMR) Formulation to reflect only *B* (Member requires immunization) in the numerator of the second portion of formula. Use Class I, II, and III designator like dental for consistency. Develop a scheme for testing at all 3 MEF's (1 for Wing, 1 for FSSG, and 1 for Division). All recommend participation with SURFLANT for use on 1 small platform and 1 large platform.

Action required: CDR Hendricks to update the Board on action taken at next NEB.

Status: Open.

c. **EPI-RAP 00-014: Monitoring for syphilis Eradication in the US Navy and Marine Corps through the Medical Event Reporting System (MERS) and the Defense Medical Surveillance System**, enclosure (5).

NEB Recommendation: Continue the work on the Medical Surveillance initiative in regards to STD Reporting. CAPT Thomas will provide a status report to the Board after two cycles (DEC 01 NEB Meeting) on AD Navy and Marine Corps syphilis rates. Meet the US Public Health Services CY05 eradication goal.

Action Required: NEB to hear progress report at the December 2001 meeting.

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d. EPI-RAP 00-015 Report of Thermal Stress Injuries, enclosure (6).

NEB Recommendation: Streamline the OPNAV/MCO Instructions such that the reporting of injuries will be through the medical event reporting process in order to capture all thermal stress injuries through an electronic medium.

Action Required: NEHC Preventive Medicine and Occupational/Environmental Medicine Directorates will collaborator in drafting changes to existing instructions to meet the recommended reporting requirements.

Status: Open.

e. EPI-RAP 00-016: Collaboration of the Various Electronic Surveillance Systems Developed for Force Health Protection, enclosure (7).

NEB Recommendation: That BUMED (MED-02), NEHC, NHRC, HQUSMC, N-931, and NMIMC commence an open dialect to coordinate efforts in the review of existing systems that were developed to meet the requirement of movement of surveillance information by electronic means.

Action required: CDR Murphy to provide an update to the Board at the next NEB.

4. Administrative Business

a. CDR Potter who is both President and holds the lone "open" seat on the NEB is at the end of his second consecutive term and IAW reference (a) must retire from the board. Therefore the took the following action to replace his seat on the Board and to elect a new President:

(1) Since the Board believes that due to the specific nature of the recruit environment that the Clinical Epidemiologist at Naval Hospital, Great Lakes (presently LT Arlene Hankinson) should be a member of the Boards it proposed two options to the Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center:

a) That LT Hankinson fill the open seat. This would keep the membership at its present level but would completely fill the board membership by assigned position.

b) That the current instruction governing the NEB be changed to include the Clinical Epidemiologist at NH Great Lakes, while retaining the "open" seat for recruitment of an "at large" member.

NEB Recommendation: While Option b) would mean an increase in the number of permanent members as well as additional travel costs, the Board recommends this option in order to gain the benefit of having an active proponent on the NEB for ongoing recruit issues and still maintaining the flexibility of one "open" membership to recruit from the community.

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CO Approval: Option a)_____ Options b)_____ Option c) D.M. Sack

(see below)

2. With the retirement of CDR Potter as President of the NEB, the Board unanimously selected CDR Sterling (Scott) Sherman as the next President. Upon approval by the Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center he will assume all duties at the next scheduled NEB.

5. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 11, 12, 13 July 2001.

(signed)
B. P. MURPHY
CDR, MSC, USN

Minutes reviewed and approved by President, Navy Epidemiology Board.

Date: (signed)
H. G. POTTER
CDR, MC, USN

Minutes reviewed by Commanding Officer, NAVENVIRHLTHCEN.

Comments:

- 1). Re paragraph 4, will accept a change in make-up of NEB but no net increase # of funded positions.
- 2). Please have minutes completed within 30 days of meeting adjournment.

Approved/~~Disapproved~~

Date: 011116 (signed)
D. M. SACK

**NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD
NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER
NORFOLK, VA**

**LIST OF ATTENDEES FOR NAVY EPIDEMIOLOGY BOARD
MEETING OF 13-15 DECEMBER 2000**

MEMBERS PRESENT

CDR G. Potter, MC, USN (**President**/Naval Hospital Bremerton)
CAPT K Schor, MC, USN (HQUSMC)
CAPT L Betts, MC, USN (NEHC)
CDR M. McCarthy, MC, USN (NMRI)
CDR McBride, MC, USN (BUMED Med-24)
CDR B. Murphy, MSC, USN (**Executive Secretary**/NEHC)
CDR R. Rendin, MSC, USN (NEHC)
CDR S Young, MC, USN (NEPMU-7)
CDR S. Sherman MC, USN (NEPMU-5)
CDR J. Lamar, MC, USN (NEPMU-2)
LCDR A. Fallon, MC, USN (**Vice President**/I MEF)
CDR B. Hendricks, MC, USN (II MEF)

GUESTS

CAPT Thomas, MC, USN (USUHS)
LCOL Cox, USAF, MC, SF (AFIERA)
Dr. Morrow (NEHC)

MEMBERS ABSENT

CDR Laurel May, MC, USN (NEPMU-6)

AGENDA
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Wednesday, 13 December, 2000

0900 - 0910 Welcome & Opening Remarks - CDR Potter

0910 - 0930 Commanding Officer Remarks - CAPT Sack

Program Updates

0930 - 0950 BUMED MED - 24/JPMPG/ - CDR Yund

0950 - 1010 HQ USMC - CAPT Schor

1010 - 1030 NEHC - CDR Rendin

1030 - 1050 DoD GEIS - CDR Murphy

1050 - 1105 **Break**

1105 - 1200 NEPMU Briefs

1200 - 1330 **Lunch**

Old Business (Review Status of Open EPI-RAPS)

1330-1500 **EPI-RAP 00-008** Preventive medicine Physician Credentials and Privileges - CAPT Brawley

EPI-RAP 00-010 Marketing Population Health - CAPT Brawley

EPI-RAP 00-009 Tick-Borne Disease Prevention Training for Marine - CDR Mann

EPI-RAP 00-011 Microbial-Base Cleaner - CAPT Bohnker/Mr. Hernandez

1500 - 1515 **Break**

New Business

1515 - 1630 **EPI-RAP 00-013** Individual Medical Readiness Categories - CDR Hendricks

EPI-RAP 00-015 Navy/Marine Corps Heat Casualty Reporting Process - CDR Murphy/
Ms Craft

1630 Closing Remarks/Adjourn – CDR Potter

Thursday, 14 December, 2000

0900 – 0910 Opening Remarks – CDR Potter

0910 – 0930 Specialty Leader Brief - CAPT Thomas/CDR Sharp

0930 - 0950 Clinical Epidemiology Program Coordinator - CAPT Brawley

0950 - 1005 **Break**

New Business Con't.

1005 - 1200 **EPI-RAP 00-014** Monitoring for Syphilis Eradication in the US Navy and Marine Corps through the Medical Event Reporting System (MERS) and the Defense Medical Surveillance System (DMSS) - CAPT Thomas/LT Brady

EPI-RAP 00-016 Collaboration of the Various Electronic Surveillance Systems (NDRS, EPIWIZ, FMSS and EPISYS) - CDR Murphy/LT Trank/Mr. Pugh

1200 – 1330 **Lunch**

1330 - 1600 **EPI-RAP 00-012** REVIEW OF PRIORITIZED INFECTIOUS DISEASE R&D NEEDS OF THE FLEET AND FLEET MARINE FORCES - CDR McCarthy

Enclosure (2)

Friday, 15 December, 2000

0800 – 0810 Opening Remarks – CDR Potter

New Business

0810 - 1000 Continuation of Remaining EPI-RAPS

1000 - 1015 **Break**

Administrative Business

1015 – 1030 Recommendations for New Membership - CDR Potter

1030 - 1100 Selection of New NEB President - CDR Potter

1100 - 1115 Selection of Date for Next Meeting and Closing Remarks

1115 **Adjourn**

Enclosure (2)